

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
MARCH 16, 2015**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, March 16, 2015, at 5:00 P.M., at which time and place the following were present:

Sue Grantham	Mayor
Melinda Scifres	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh (Absent)	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Bullington (Absent)	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Fike	Councilperson
Hood (Absent)	Councilperson
Merideth (B. T.)	Councilperson
Merideth (Baughn)	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson

The number of members necessary to consider a quorum being present, the Mayor called the meeting to order and announced the meeting was in session for the transaction of business.

The first order of business to come before the Council was the approval of the minutes, reports, and bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Cheek, seconded by Councilperson Cartee, the minutes, reports and bills were approved as presented. The reports read as follows:

- Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$6,726.45 in salaries for February, with thirteen fire calls.
- Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$11,112.12 in taxes collected, with \$190.65 in Collector's commission and \$148.40 in Assessor's Fund.
- Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported 7004.37 in admissions for February.
- Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities are pledged at the banks for deposits of the City of Caruthersville as follows: First State Bank-\$ 2,525,000.00; Focus Bank-2,021,899.47; Bank Star of the Bootheel-\$583,400.00.
- Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the following collections for February:

Water	\$ 55,895.82	Water Customers 2257
Sewer	15,249.23	Sewer Customers 2171
Garbage	34,513.35	Garbage Customers 2150
Meter Serv.	760.23	
Mos. Spray	537.47	
Primacy Fee	8.31	

Sew. Primacy	3.70
Sew. Bond	10,070.35
Bond Res.	541.00

- Nyoka Rushing, Court Clerk, reported Judicial Education Funds in the amount of \$40.61 CVC Surcharge \$269.68, Police School \$80.00, \$40.63 in POST funds, \$4,075.30 in fines; and \$123.00 for Sheriff's retirement,

Councilperson Cartee then reported the Fire Department, during the period of March 5th through March 16, had responded to two fire calls, and three fire inspections had been conducted.

Police Chief Tony Jones reported Chris Cobb had submitted his resignation which will be effective on March 26th. He then asked the Council to approve the employment of David Little who had worked for the Department in 2008-2009. Councilperson Caree reported the Police/Fire Committee had met and recommended the appointment of David Little to the Police Department. Officer Little has nine years police experience. After discussion, Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve the appointment, with Councilperson B. T. Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported adjustments have been made to some of the water bills. This was due to an error when the readings were downloaded from the remote read meters.

Operations Supervisor, Terry Rushing then thanked B. T. Merideth and John Walker for assisting with the snow removal. The help was greatly appreciated. Mayor Grantham thanked the crews for their hard work as well.

Police Chief Tony Jones then thanked the volunteer firemen for helping push people who were stuck.

Mr. Rushing reported cameras are now installed in the City Hall. The framing has been installed for the hangars at the airport. The carpet at the Exchange Building has been removed due to a leak at the building. Once the leak has been repaired, the carpet will be replaced. There is still a leak at the Library, and a contractor will look at the problem. Another problem has arisen due to heavy rains at the recreation center. Water had rushed into the back door at the recreation center, and traveled under the gym floor. This floor will need to be replaced, and costs will be presented to the Council at a later date.

The next item for discussion was the problem with skunks within the City. Mr. Rushing will talk with the Conservation Agency to see what options the City has regarding this issue.


Teresa Tidwell presented copies of the newsletter that has been put out by the Library. She reported an average of five new Library cards a week with the new programs that have been introduced. She will contact the local daycare facilities to encourage them to bring the children to the Library for programs.

Johnny Harmon then appeared before the Council, to report the river has been rising, and is expected to crest at 37' on March 27th. He works at a business that monitors the river closely.

Jim and Lauren Brands then appeared before the Council regarding the drainage on West 19th St. Before the tornado in 2006, a pump helped to drain the area by moving the water towards Ward Avenue. The tornado damaged the pump, and it was removed. After discussion, it was decided the engineer will look at the problem to see what can be done.

With no further business, Councilperson B. T. Merideth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 P.M., with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:


Mayor


City Clerk